

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 859

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Howard G. Patrick of Kingsport.

WHEREAS, it was with deep sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the passing of Mr. Howard G. Patrick; and

WHEREAS, Howard Patrick was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Virginia, Mr. Patrick lived most of life in Kingsport, where he was a highly respected member of the community; and

WHEREAS, Howard Patrick bravely served this country in the United States Army; he further protected and served the good people of Sullivan County as Deputy in the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department for over eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patrick had served with acumen and alacrity as Sullivan County Commissioner of District Six since 1990, in which position he had earned the respect of his peers and constituents alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, throughout his singular career, Mr. Howard Patrick distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart pillar of the community, Howard Patrick was a distinguished member of the Nickelsville Masonic Lodge Number 173 F&AM, the Jericho Shrine Temple, and the Bloomingdale Ruritan Club; and

WHEREAS, Howard Patrick was a member of the Bloomingdale Baptist Church, and he faithfully attended Colonial Heights Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Howard Patrick enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of over forty-three years, Pat Fuller Patrick, and was the proud father of daughter, Ashley Ring; he will also be sorely missed and fondly remembered by his sisters, Lucille McDavid and Irene Bowen, several nieces and nephews, and a number of great-nieces and great-nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patrick now joins in Heaven his parents, Willie Lee and Pinkie Breeding Patrick; his sister, Lois Blair; his brother, Robert "Bob" Patrick; and his nephew, David Fortner, all of whom preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard Patrick leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mr. Howard G. Patrick, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Howard G. Patrick.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.